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State Announces Grants to Local Police Departments for Life-Saving Body Armor

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) has announced that 17 local police departments in twelve jurisdictions will receive grants totaling \$49,077 to purchase protective body armor. The grants are from the Body Armor for Local Law Enforcement (BARM) program, a state funding source that provides grants to agencies across Maryland.

"Our law enforcement officers are on the front lines every day, working to keep our communities safe," said Christopher B. Shank, Executive Director of GOCCP. "Body armor is an essential component of every officer's equipment."

According to the FBI, body armor can be a life-saver for police officers. The Bureau's statistics show that the "risk of sustaining a fatal injury for officers who do not routinely wear body armor is 14 times greater than for officers who do."

Agencies can apply for BARM grants every other year. The funds from this grant program may be used by local police to acquire new armor, or to replace existing equipment.

Editors: A list, broken down by jurisdiction, showing the agencies receiving the grants and the amount of each award is attached.

**Body Armor Grants
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
July 2015**

Jurisdiction	Agency	2015 Award
Allegany County	Frostburg City Police Department	\$600.00
Baltimore City	Baltimore Police Department	\$15,152.00
Baltimore County	Baltimore County Police Department	\$8,468.00
Caroline County	Town of Federalsburg	\$1,077.00
Caroline County	Caroline County Sheriff's Office	\$400.00
Carroll County	Town of Sykesville	\$335.00
Carroll County	Carroll County Sheriff's Office	\$661.00
Cecil County	Rising Sun Police Department	\$882.00
Charles County	Charles County Sheriff's Office	\$4,060.00
Dorchester County	Dorchester County Sheriff's Office	\$3,042.00
Dorchester County	Cambridge Police Department	\$1,855.00
Frederick County	Frederick County Sheriff's Office	\$2,930.00
Talbot County	St. Michael's Police Department	\$776.00
Washington County	Washington County Sheriff's Office	\$3,825.00
Washington County	Hagerstown Police Department	\$3,150.00
Wicomico County	Fruitland Police Department	\$1,278.00
Worcester County	Town of Snow Hill	\$586.00
	TOTAL	\$49,077.00

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